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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO'S

VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO MADE A MAJOR ADDRESS ON EVEING OF NOVEMBER 12 ON MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. THE SPEECH WAS GENERALLY VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THE ISRAELI POINT OF VIEW, CRITICAL OF ARAB ACTIONS IN THE PAST, AND VERY SHARPLY CRITICAL OF THE SOVIET UNION WHICH FACIO CHARGED WITH PROLONGING THE CONFLICT BY ENCOURAGING AND ARMING THE ARAB STATES. STRESSING THE DANGER OF GENERAL WAR INHERENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, HE CALLED ON THE TWO SUPER POWERS TO WORK FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. HE THEN OUTLINED HIS OWN VIEW ON WHAT
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A STABLE PEACE MIGHT LOOK LIKE (SEE

PARAGRAPH 5 BELOW). BECAUSE FACIO'S VIEWS ARE OF MORE THAN ROUTINE INTEREST SINCE HE WILL PRESIDE OVER THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN JANUARY, THE FULL SPANISH TEXT IS BEING POUCHED TO ARA-CEN AND USUN END SUMMARY.

1. THE OCCASSION OF FACIO'S ADDRESS WAS A DINNER GIVEN BY THE AMBASSADORS OF OAS MEMBER STATES IN FACIO'S HONOR AND IN RECOGNITION OF COSTA RICA'S ELECTION TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. A GOOD PART OF THE 40-PAGE ADDRESS WAS DEDICATED TO A DETAILED REVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF THE ISRAELI/ARAB CONFLICT BEGINNING WITH 1947. HE PLACED CONSIDERABLE BLAME UPON THE ARAB STATES FOR REJECTING THE 1947 UN RESOLUTION AND RESORTING TO VIOLENCE, AND FOR SUBSEQUENTLY REFUSING TO ACCEPT ISREAL'S EXISTENCE. HE MADE A POINT OF CHARING THEN-TRANSJORDAN WITH ANNEXING THE JORDAN WEST BANK AND OLD JERSSALEM IN VIOLATION OF UN UNDERSTANDINGS, AND THUS MAKING IMPOSSIBLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE AS HAD BEEN PROPOSED. WHILE PRESENTING A BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC PICTURE OF THE ISRAELI CASE AND READING MORE LIKE A LAWYER'S BRIEF THAN AN ANALYSIS, THE HISTORICAL REVIEW SHOWED FACIO HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL OF HOMEWORK ON THE PROBLEM AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE KNOWLEDGABLE ABOUT VARIOUS PROPOSALS, RESOLUTIONS AND BACKGROUND.

3. FACIO THEN TOOK THE SOVIETS TO TASK, CHARGING THEM WITH PROLONGING THE CONFLICT BY ENCOURAGING AND ARMING THE ARABS, WITHOUT EVEN THE COVER OR JUSTIFICATION OF IDEOLOGICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AIMS. RATHER, HE SAID, THE USSR, WAS MOTIVATED BY SPECIFIC GEO-POLITICAL, EVEN IMPERIALIST, MOTIVES. HE NOTED THE USSR'S OWN "RECTIFICATION" OF BORDERS BY FORCE FOR SECURITY AND CITED A 1964 PRAVADA STATEMENT DEFENDING THE RIGHT OF A PEOPLE TO REVISE BORDERS FOR SECURITY REASONS.

4. AFTER CITING THE DANGERS INHERENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AND THE NECESSITY FOR THE SUPER POWERS TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON A PEACFUL SOLUTION, FACIO ARGUED FOR RESOLUTION 242 AS THE BASIS FOR A STABLE PEACE. HE CRITICIZED THE INTERPRETATION THAT ISRAEL WITHDRAWAL TO PRE-1967 POSITIONS HAD TO OCCUR FIRST BEFORE ANY OTHER POINTS, INCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS, WERE TAKEN UP. HE ARGUED FOR "INTEGRAL COMPLIANCE" WITH THE WHOLE RESOLUTION.

5. FACIO THEN CONCLUDED HIS SPEECH BY OUTLINING HOW MAJOR POINTS OF DISCORD MIGHT BE RESOLVED IN ANY NEGOTIATION:

A. WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES IN SINAI TO 1967 POSITIONS; ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEMILITARIZED ZONE OF 40 TO 50 KILOMETERS ON THE EGYPTIAN SIDE; AN OCCUPATION OF THAT ZONE BY UN FORCES WHICH WOULD NOT BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT FULL SECURITY COUNCIL PERMISSION (TO OBIVATE A SIMPLE ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL AS OCCURRED IN 1967.).

B. UN OCCUPATION OF SHARMI L-SHEIKH TO ENSURE FREE PASSAGE IN THE GULF OF AQUABA.

C. CONVERSION OF THE GOLAN HEIGHTS INTO A DEMILITARIZED ZONE OCCUPIED BY UN FORCES UNDER CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO (A) ABOVE.

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D. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE ON THE WEST BANK AS ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED IN 1947. SUCH A STATE WOULD ALSO BE IN ACCORD WITH A PROJECT ADVANCED BY VICE-PRIME MINISTER ALLON IN 1968. IT WOULD BE A DEMILITARIZED ENTITY WITH FRONTIERS OPEN TO BOTH JORDAN AND ISRAEL AND ECONOMICALLY INTEGRATED WITH BOTH STATES. UN FORCES WOULD ALSO BE STATIONED HERE.

E. FACIO SEES NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO ISRAEL RETAINING CONTROL OF JERSUSALEM AND ARGUES ISRAEL'S CLAIM IS AS STRONG AS

JORDAN'S.

F. A PLAN FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES TO
ENTER ISRAEL AT AN ESTABLISHED LEVEL EACH
YEAR (PERHAPS 20,000) WITH THE REST LOCATED
EITHER IN THE NEW PALESTINIAN STATE OR
ASSIMILATED BY NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES.
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